

EMERGENCY Reference Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Home Meeting Location: _____

Alternate Meeting Location: _____

Out-of State Contact: _____

Step 3, Have a GO BAG

Every family member should pack a Go Bag – a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. A Go Bag should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels. A Go Bag should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry. Make sure it is ready to go at all times of the year.

- ☐ Bottled water and non-perishable food such as energy or granola bars
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ Battery-operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries
- ☐ Medications and other essential personal items. Be sure to refill medications before they expire. Keep a list of the medications each member of your family takes, why they take them, and their dosages.
- ☐ First-aid kit including bandages and antibiotic ointments
- ☐ Change of clothes, sturdy, comfortable shoes, lightweight rain gear, coat and blanket
- ☐ Contact and meeting place information for your family, and a small regional map
- ☐ Child care supplies (diapers, wipes, food, formula) or other special care items
- ☐ Copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, photo IDs, proof of address, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- ☐ Extra set of car and house keys
- ☐ Credit and ATM cards and cash, especially in small denominations. We recommend you keep at least \$50-\$100 on hand.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

➤ Call 911:

- ☐ To report a fire, crime, or when you are in immediate danger.
- ☐ Do NOT call 9-1-1 for non-emergencies or to report a power outage.



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Being prepared for any emergency – whether a house fire, power outage, flood, or terrorist attack – is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Step 1, take the time to work out a disaster plan. Step 2, gather supplies to keep in your home. Step 3, put together a Go Bag. A few simple steps can go a long way should disaster strike.

Step 1, Have a HOUSEHOLD DISASTER PLAN

Develop a disaster plan with your family members to prepare for what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency. Record plan details on the tear-off emergency reference card provided in this booklet.

- ☐ Decide where your family will reunite after a disaster. Identify two places to meet: one right outside your home and another outside your neighborhood, such as a library, community center, or place of worship.
- ☐ Know and practice all possible exit routes from your home and neighborhood.
- ☐ Designate an out-of-state friend or relative that family members can call if separated during a disaster. This out-of-state contact can help you communicate with others.
- ☐ Account for everybody's needs, especially seniors, children, people with disabilities, and non-English speakers.
- ☐ Ensure family members have a copy of your family disaster plan and emergency contact information to keep in their wallets and backpacks.

Step 2, Have an EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Keep enough supplies in your home to survive on your own for up to **10 days**. If possible, keep these materials in an easily accessible, separate container or special cupboard. You should indicate to your family members that these supplies are for emergencies only. Check expiration dates of food and update your kits **EVERY THREE MONTHS**.

- ☐ One gallon of drinking water per person per day
- ☐ Non-perishable, ready-to-eat canned foods and manual can opener
- ☐ First-Aid kit
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ Battery-operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Iodine tablets or one quart of unscented bleach (for disinfecting water ONLY if directed to do so by health officials) and eyedropper (for adding bleach to water)
- ☐ Personal hygiene items: soap, feminine products, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.
- ☐ Phone that does not rely on electricity
- ☐ Child care supplies or other special care items
- ☐ Tools

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As part of your emergency plan, record and copy household disaster plan details and contact information for all household members and people in your emergency support network.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

➤ **Call 211:** For additional preparedness tips or for up-to-date information about current major emergencies in Arizona, visit www.az211.gov or dial 2-1-1. Additional preparedness tips and information can be viewed at www.ready.gov